

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action in the present application. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 9-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsumoto.

Claims 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto.

Applicant expresses his appreciation to Examiner Hoon Song and Examiner Ed Glick for the courtesy of an interview which was granted to Applicants' representative, Sanford T. Colb (Reg. No. 26,856). The interview was held in the USPTO on September 17, 2003.

In the interview, claims 1, 4 and 5 were discussed vis-à-vis the prior art reference Matsumoto. The Interview Summary Record states, in relevant part, "Applicant proposes peripheral frame and the removable mounting of the grid in the frame to distinguish over the prior art."

Applicant has accordingly amended claim 1 and claim 10 to include the recitation of "an anti-scatter grid removably mounted onto an extractable peripheral frame" which distinguishes over the prior art.

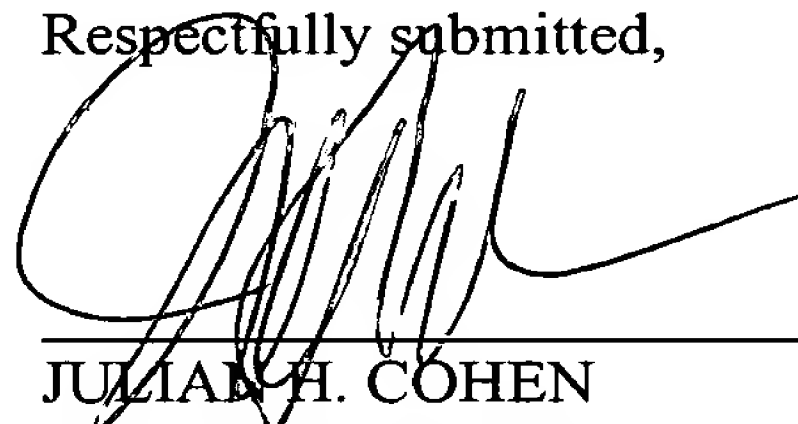
Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice. Additionally, claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of cancelled claim 5. Claim 11 has also been amended to depend from claim 10 instead of claim 9.

With reference to the above discussion, independent claims 1 and 10 are deemed patentable over the prior art of record and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 2-4 and 7-9 depend from claim 1 and recite additional patentable subject matter and therefore are deemed patentable. Claim 11 depends from claim 10 and recites additional patentable subject matter and is therefore deemed patentable.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as filed in the context of a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, all of the claims are deemed to be allowable. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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